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Thanks

.. Those parents who supported our year 4 to 6 Winter Sports teams this week.

.. Those parents who supported our seniors on Rock Wall Day at Taurikura.

.. Verevis family, the Hanlon's and the anonymous family (you will know who you are) for generously donating games and wool for library activities. Thank you very much.

People of the week

.. Magan for going out of her way and filling in as a Librarian, putting away books and reading to children.

.. Tayla for her absolute commitment to raising \$190 towards this year's 20 Hour Famine.

.. Our faminers .. and famine supporters.

.. Debbie Walker for acting as a "stand in mum" for a family in need over recent weeks. This was deeply appreciated Debbie.

.. Mrs Donaldson, Mrs Burgin, Georgia Sissons and children for attending to Jacob Sissions and showing concern when he broke his arm.

.. Those many children who day in and day out by their thoughtfulness and great manners give us great hope for the future.

COMMITMENT VIRTUE RECIPIENTS

The children below have been selected by their teachers and classmates as exemplifying the commitment virtue over recent weeks. Please congratulate them if you see them. We are very proud of the example they have set for us all and hope their parents are as proud of them as we are.

Rm 2	Josh	Rm 2	Alex
Rm 3	Aimee	Rm 3	Blake
Rm 4	Jayden	Rm 4	Asher
Rm 6	Hannah	Rm 7	Tahi-Ora
Rm 7	Brendan	Rm 7	Sean
Rm 8	Joseph	Rm 8	Caitlyn
Rm 10	Isaac	Rm 10	Maycee
Rm 11	Karmelle	Rm 12	Emily Dunn

Room 9 recipients to be announced at the next school assembly.

Thank you to all of those families who supported with discussions at home .. this is the crucial difference!

Our virtue for the remainder of term 2 is .. CO-OPERATION

Please find support material attached and set aside time ..

.. to read over and discuss this with your children

.. to speak about the role that CO-OPERATION does / has played in your life

.. to maybe identify some CO-OPERATION targets with your children. Let us know of any special gains so we can celebrate them quietly with your child, or more widely through the newsletter as an encouragement to us all.

Coming up this term

5 June	Board of Trustees meeting (6:00 PM)
11 June	Visit by team from Education Review Office
15 June	Portfolios issued to parents
20 June	Visit by reps of Whangarei Girls High (year 8 girls)
25/26 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
26 June	Matarau School Science Fair Prize Giving
27 June	Mobile ear Clinic outside Bush Rd Medical Centre
29 June	Final day of term 2

Mid year Interviews – 25/26 June

Interview appointment forms will be sent home early next week. Times will be allocated on a first in basis. If you do not receive a form by the end of next week please contact the school office. If these days do not suit, teachers are available in the new term by appointment.

Early Finish – 25/26 June

This is a reminder that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 25 and 26 June to enable teachers to prepare for parent / teacher interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30-40 minutes earlier on these days and that parents who pick children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

SKIDS After School Care Programme

We regret to advise that our After School Care Programme will finish at the end of this term. If this presents any particular problems for you please drop by and we will see if we can help. It may be that the parents of one of your children's friends may be willing to look after them until pick up, or perhaps a member of our school community might be willing to supervise from home on a charge basis as happens in some schools. If numbers lift there is a chance that SKIDS management might review this decision at some future date.

Famine

Thanks again to those children involved in this year's famine and to the adults who encouraged them. Parents are asked to support children please during the money collection phase. When all money has been collected please return this with sponsors booklets to school.

Matarau Hockey – Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 26 May :



C Grade – Jacobon



D Grade – Tyla



E Grade – Hannah

Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 26 May :



Yr 4-6 – Jaide



Yr 6-8 – Natasha

Senior debating teams

.. were confirmed this week and will start working with Jennie Clarke in the build up to the first round of competitions in week 10.

International Schools Competition

Practice papers (and answer sheets) were provided this week for students participating in the International Schools English Examination (Exam date 31 July). A reminder that practice papers for the Maths Examination will be made available in the **week beginning 18 June**.

Parents are asked to ..

.. see that the exams are sat at a suitable time and in a suitable place.

.. help ensure that at LEAST one practice paper is attempted each week.

.. assist with marking (and timing). Answer sheets will be sent home shortly to assist in this process.

.. let us know if we need to adjust homework loads elsewhere or of any emerging problems. We will meet with the children periodically at school to discuss test technique and address any general problems. We will also do our best to track children who are not completing the requisite number of practice papers but this is difficult and time consuming and so we need your help here please.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fee

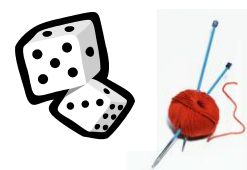
Last week parents of year 7 and 8 children received a request for payment technology fees. These fees cover materials used while at the Hukerenui Technology Centre (terms 3 and 4) - a legitimate fee as children get to keep these materials. We collect this fee for you and pay it to the centre on your behalf as this makes the process somewhat easier. Please forward this fee at your earliest convenience and don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you would like to discuss time payment options.

Year 7 and 8 - Science Fair / Action research

Any questions about topics / experiments to Mrs Donaldson or Mr D please on scottydelemare@gmail.com. Please make contact early if you sense your child is encountering difficulty or is falling behind.

Request from the Library

During the coming months there will be lunchtime activities held in the library. For this we require various sized needles, wool, games and puzzles. If you can be of assistance please contact the office. Thank you very much.



School Contribution / Activity Fee

Thanks to those who have paid term contributions / activity fees. If you have not yet paid please do so at your earliest convenience. Those who have opted for automatic deductions are asked to arrange this as soon as possible please.

If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact Kevin.

Scholastic Book Order

Issue 4 went home this week. Payment and orders due back to school office by 15th June.

Netball Fees

A reminder that the \$40 fee for Yr 5-6 netball is required to be paid asap as this needs to be handed on to the Netball Association. Thank you to those who have paid promptly.

Finally

Some more results from our "Learning Styles Survey". (all children took part years 3 to 8).

.. When responding to the statement 'I like making my own choices about what I learn' 77% of students agreed or strongly agreed, 14 % were not sure and 9% of students disagreed or strongly disagreed.

.. When responding to the statement "I know making my own choices about how I learn" 77% agreed or strongly agreed, 18% were not sure and 5% disagreed or strongly disagreed. (something we have to work on).

More next week. Have a great (long) weekend.

Remember .. our newsletter is available through our website and can be emailed on request.

Regards
Kevin Trewhella
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Can you help this family?

You may be aware that a local family lost everything in a house fire recently. This poor family needs pots, cutlery, towels, sheets, blankets, glasses, coffee mugs, plates, Tupperware, clothing, girls size 12 and boys age 13+, books etc. Everything it would take to set up a house. If able to help please contact Cassandra on 4335968 or 0212078887.

Community Notices

For Rent – 3 bedroom house, no garage, fenced, HRV system, open fireplace. Along school bus route. 10 mins to Kamo. \$290 per week incl water. Ph 4335814.

For Sale - 12 ft trampoline with recently renewed mat and safety net (Christmas time) \$200.00, Many different size chook homes various prices. Please phone Michele 4335061 or 0274810450

For Sale - Free Range Eggs, \$5 per dozen, Will deliver to school. Phone Carol Welsh 433 5035.

Pop Up Books – Display of 'paper engineered' books collected over 30 years. Old Library Art Centre, Rust Ave, 16th May-9th June.

Parenting courses – "Sowing the Seed"- being the parent you want to be, Manaia View School - Wed 13th, 20th & 27th June 10.00am – 2.30pm, "Being Grandparent-Parent" - 2nd time around , Thursdays 14th, 21st & 28th June, 10.00am-2.30pm, Te Moemoea Room, 64 Murdoch Crescent, Whangarei. Six sessions over three days with lunch provided, To register contact Jigsaw North: 438 8852.

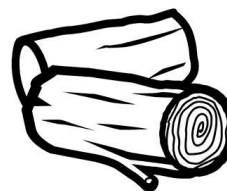


School Fundraising

FIREWOOD WANTED!!!!

As part of our fundraising this year, we would like to sell firewood. So we are currently looking for:

- Donations of trees/wood
- Volunteers
- Woodsplitters
- Trailers



If you can help out in any way please phone Sharon Smith on 4338371 or 027 631 9361 as soon as possible.

Many Thanks.



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